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THE SYDNEY MORNING HERALD, TUESDAY, AUGUST 31, 1875.

an of Captain LEECH, should not be tried experiment, in some leading thoroughfare, of concrete could be formed as easily here as elsewhere. Instead of the red deal so generally used, and which would give us a great advantage over most other places. The liquid asphaltum is difficult to procure, only it must be better than in the case of any application of it to be found in the city. Will it require a special Commission to inquire into the matter for two or three years, to have their recommendation

other matters? Or may we hope that the  
Municipal Council will venture to act on its own  
authority, and so save both time and the money  
citizens?

Act no child can be employed under the age of 8 years, and only for half-time until the age of 13 years. In cotton and in factories work usually begins at 6 in morning, and ends at 6 in the evening, with a holiday on Saturdays. From the age of 13 the children work half-time, and go

work being deducted from their wages, which from 1s. up to 3s. or 4s. per week. This attendance is compulsory—a provision extends to the whole manufacturing district of Lancashire and Yorkshire, and has been applied throughout England. Every factory is visited at stated times by a surgeon,

half or full-time since his last visit must be conducted, and who examines and either passes or fails them, entering the result in a book kept for the purpose by the manager of the factory. In performing this function for a period of several years, Dr. Ferguson declares his conviction that the factory population is physically deteriorated and that perhaps the

tion districts cannot help bearing testimony to the correctness of the Doctor's observation. Whether it be owing to the early age at which children begin work, to the close confinement, to the processes for working the material, or combined, may be matter of opinion. No one will deny that, on many occasions, it is extremely undesirable for children

under the necessity of beginning the struggle for life at so early an age. Hours' close confinement daily, from eight old to thirteen is enough to ruin the life of the sturdiest race in the course of a generation. Is there nothing here that should serve as a warning to ourselves? How thousands of children are there in make-

children, and other parents whose proper place is the Public School? Yet we have not a Factory Act to protect them from the perils and necessities of their parents; and if no remedy is devised, it may be that our grand-children will begin to pay the penalty which is being paid at home. National wealth is not a great thing; yet even that will be

**REMI COURT.**—Business This Day.—  
 Court opens at a quarter past 10 o'clock. Mo-  
 generally. Motions, &c.: Colonial Sugar Company  
 onhy, attachment; in re Meredith, prohibition;  
 on Dayant, do not.

**SYDNEY EXCHANGE.**—A deputation of the Board of Directors of the Sydney Exchange, consisting of Mr. George Thorne, chairman of the company,

had an interview with the Postmaster, at the General Post Office, yesterday morning, regarding various telegraphic and postal matters, the object of which were the necessity for increased facilities being given to shipping from Northern New Zealand, and for an extension of the time for forwarding messages from the Exchange, and for facilities being made for sending New Zealand correspondence, arriving by way of Melbourne, via the overland route.

for too long a period at Melbourne from the absence of the berth. The several matters in question caused by the deputation, and the Minister at some and Mr. Byrnes promised they should receive early answer. The deputation thanked the Minister and withdrew.

**TELEGRAMS.**—Number of paid telegrams transmitted through the cable from Port Darwin for the month of January, 1890, was 1,000.

South Australia, 14; Victoria, 25; New South  
19; Queensland, 4; Tasmania, 1; total, 63. Sent  
colonies: South Australia, 11; Victoria, 33; New  
Wales, 19; Queensland, 1; New Zealand, 3; total,  
57 number of messages, 135.

**AULT AND ROBBERY.**—On Thursday, the  
the present month, Mr. Thomas T. Bidduph  
in Sydney from Shoalhaven, and proceeded to take

ing he went for a stroll, and, about midnight, when in Pitt-street, *some one* from behind threw him and robbed him of £40 in bank-notes—three for £10 and two for £5 each—which he had in his trousers. He was not knocked down, but something was put in his neck, and was held so tightly that he fell down—*not*, in fact. The affair was reported to the police, and inquiry made, apprehended Joseph Davis, Wil-

either of them; but two lads, named Mr. Bridg-  
d, who were on the way home from witnessing a  
lit procession, saw the prosecutor and the female  
is walking on one side of Pitt-street and the male  
on the other; she wanted to take him one way and  
sted in going another, until at length, when near  
reet, she went over to the men and said, "I will  
to you;" the men then went after him—one of  
nison, but his arm round prosecutor's neck, and

his pockets; Laurence then threw prosecutor who exclaimed "Oh!" as he fell, and they ran away to the park. The lads reported at the watch-house where they had seen, the prisoners were apprehended, and on were committed for trial. On Saturday morning he made his escape from the lock-up, and has not been traced.

**FURNITURE DESIGNS.**—Messrs. Leigh and Co.

ed catalogue of furniture designs suitable for  
ld purposes. It contains about forty pages. The  
phs are well done, and have evidently been got up with  
e. They represent various descriptions of bedroom,  
wing-room, dining-room, and other kinds of furni-  
ene of the designs are very elegant. The letter-  
ell printed.

**Turf.**—Owners of racehorses are re-

the Hawkesbury Sapling Stakes, and the Cooma Produce Stakes must be made to-morrow (Wednesday, 1st of September; and that on the following day the entry for the opening Bathurst meeting will take place. Mr. George Kiss held at the Bazaar, yesterday, the gate, stalls, booths, &c., for Handicap races. Gate, £908; Leger stand, £210; Derby stand, £82; Booth, £130; grand stand bar, £101; No. 1 booth, £62; No. 2 booth, £42; No. 3 booth, £45. Total.

**S. W. ACADEMY OF ARTS.**—Carrying out their desire to have the various branches of art concentrated in their new building, the council have invited Simonetti to open a studio there, in order that those engaged in sculpture may be afforded the opportunity of seeing the process. The signor is now at work on a bust of the Hon. J. Fairfax, from a bust taken by the artist in 1864, and the Academy

may be seen a very handsome vase of the purest  
Stéphen, C.B., which is to be reproduced in marble,  
to be eventually placed in the hall of the Uni-  
versity. Sir Alfred is represented in his Judge's robes:  
his expression has been most happily caught by the talented  
sculptor, and the resemblance may be considered as truly  
marvellous. Signor Simonetti will be happy to receive visitors  
in the studio between the hours of 2 and 3.

meeting of this club was held at Mrs. Read's parlours, William-street, on Wednesday evening about forty members were present. The chair was taken by the president, Mr. J. C. Campbell. The annual report was read, which showed the club to be in a highly improved condition, and reflected great credit on the management. The following gentlemen were elected officers for the season 1875-6:—J. C. Campbell, president; Jesse R. R. Dayburn, and W. H. Skinner, vice-

ee, Cox, Emanuel, Lorking, Doyle, Rainford, Dragg. The president, in returning thanks for the collection, promised trophies for best batting, bowling, and also subscribed £5 5s. for the ground fund. Donations and trophies were promised, Mr. De Lissa a gold badge for highest aggregate scorer. The day was successful in every respect, and concluded with a cheer for the president.

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